



Hepatitis Resource Directory

for Patients, Friends
and Family

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Introduction

Viral hepatitis is a major public health problem in Indiana. Nation-wide, it is estimated that more than 1.2 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B and at least 3.2 million people are living with chronic hepatitis C. In Indiana at least 6,314 people were reported in 2013 as having viral hepatitis. Many more persons may be infected and are likely not aware of it.

This Viral Hepatitis Resource Directory was prepared by the Indiana State Department of Health to inform the general community and health and human services providers about available viral hepatitis services in our state.

The directory provides information about a range of services, arranged by county, including:

- How to access prevention information
- Where to get vaccinated
- Where testing is available
- Which doctors or clinics provide medical care for people living with viral hepatitis, and,
- How to locate support services for people living with viral hepatitis.

Included in this guide is basic information about viral hepatitis and links to important resources throughout Indiana. The guide also includes a list of valuable Internet websites with important information on many topics related to viral hepatitis.

The information contained in this resource directory was obtained, through a survey, directly from the organizations listed herein. Only information provided by organizations was included. Any missing information will be shown as none or not applicable. It is possible that other services and providers may exist in the state of Indiana.

How to use this Guide

This guide is organized so that you can easily identify the services that are available in your county. Each county is listed in alphabetical order. Go to the table of contents to find the pages of the guide that include information about your county.

This guide is also set up to help a person who is living with viral hepatitis navigate through a process to learn about their health status and understand available resources and services. It can also be used by health and human services providers as they work with people affected by viral hepatitis.

This guide is intended to support Indiana Health Care Providers in providing appropriate care for those patients with hepatitis through provided education, resources and possible referral sites. Should you have questions or you would like more information, please contact the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Brittany Gross, at 317-233-7627 or bgross@isdh.in.gov.

Should you know of other resources within your community and would like them to be included in this resource guide, please contact Brittany.

This guide will be maintained and updated on regular basis, to provide you with the most current and accurate information; to provide updates to your organization, please contact Brittany.

Understanding Viral Hepatitis

The word "**hepatitis**" means inflammation of the liver and also refers to a group of viral infections that affect the liver. The most common types are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C.

Viral hepatitis is an important public health issue:

The chart on the next page describes how Hepatitis A, B and C are transmitted, how it can be prevented and what happens if someone becomes infected. Viral hepatitis prevention information is especially important because even though viral hepatitis is preventable, each year in the US it is estimated that 43,000 people will become infected with Hepatitis B, 17,000 will become infected with Hepatitis C and 25,000 persons will become infected with Hepatitis A.

Vaccines can prevent hepatitis A and B:

Vaccination is very effective at preventing hepatitis A and B. Hepatitis A vaccination is now a standard of care for all infants over 1 year of age and vaccination for hepatitis B is given to anyone 18 years old or younger and all infants at birth. Depending on the different types of vaccine, 2-4 doses are required to provide full protection.

People who were not vaccinated as children and who are at risk for viral hepatitis should be vaccinated as soon as possible. Adults who are at risk for viral hepatitis include:

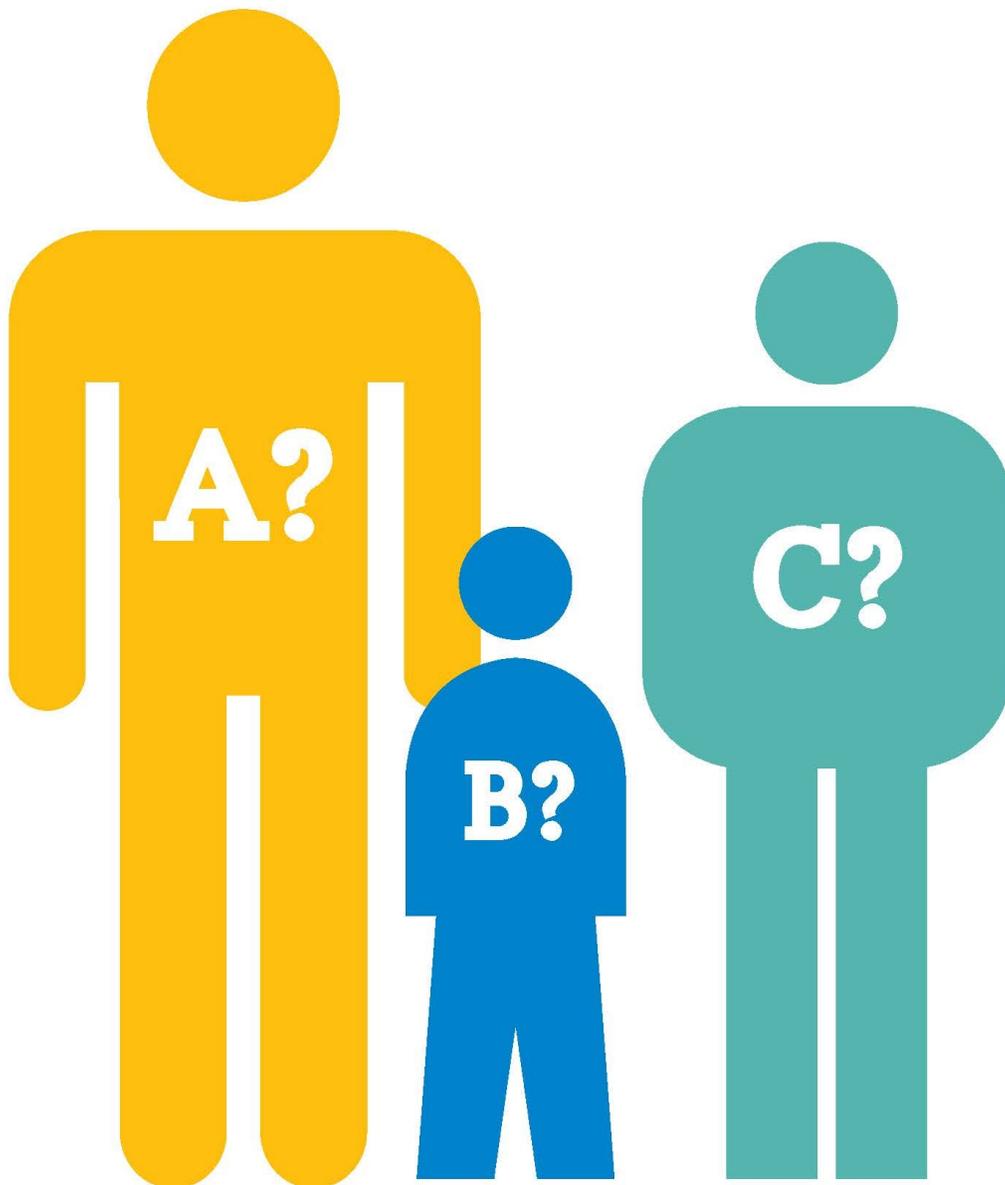
- Immigrants from areas of the world with high rates of viral hepatitis
- People traveling to areas with high rates of hepatitis A or B
- Injection drug users
- Men who have sex with men
- People with multiple sexual partners
- People who are incarcerated
- People who received clotting factor before 1987
- Household members of people living with hepatitis B
- People living with HIV
- People living with liver disease.

Screening for Viral Hepatitis

The only way to know for sure if you have been infected with hepatitis A, B or C is to be tested. People are not routinely screened for viral hepatitis so even if a person has seen a doctor he or she should not assume that testing was done. There are different tests for each type of viral hepatitis. The decision about whether to get tested depends on a person's health behaviors and other factors which are described in the chart on the next page.

Hepatitis: The Silent Disease

Hepatitis is often called the silent disease because people will often have no symptoms. The symptoms of Hepatitis A, B and C, when they occur, are similar. The symptoms include: jaundice (skin turning yellow), nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dark urine or pale stool, loss of appetite, fatigue or joint pain. Even though the symptoms are similar, one type of hepatitis does not progress to become another type of hepatitis – for example, hepatitis A cannot develop into hepatitis B.



Overview of Viral Hepatitis

Type of hepatitis	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis C
What body fluids can transmit the virus?	Feces	Blood, semen, vaginal secretions	Blood
What activities can pass the virus?	Eating food prepared by an infected person who did not wash properly after going to the bathroom; Eating uncooked shellfish Any contact between the mouth and an infected person's feces or anus	Unprotected sexual intercourse Sharing equipment used to inject drugs	Sharing equipment used to inject drugs Unprotected sexual intercourse, but this is less common
How it can be prevented?	Vaccination Early childhood vaccination was started in 1991. People who are at risk should be vaccinated	Vaccination Early childhood vaccination was started in 1991. People are at risk should be vaccinated	Avoid sharing injection drug equipment; use a new, clean syringe every time you inject Use condoms consistently and correctly every time you have sex
What happens if someone becomes infected?	Hepatitis A is a short term illness that clears on its own within 6 months No specific treatment is available except rest, drinking plenty of fluids, over the counter medications to control symptoms	About 85% of people who become infected with hepatitis B are able to clear the virus and will not have it for life. About 15% develop lifelong infection and approximately 15-40% of these people will develop liver damage (cirrhosis) or liver cancer over 10-25 years. Treatment is available to help slow the disease	About 20% of people who become infected with hepatitis C are able to clear the virus and will not have it for life. About 80% develop lifelong infection and approximately 5-20% of these people will develop liver damage (cirrhosis) or liver cancer over 10-25 years. Treatment is available with a success rate of about 50%

You can access important fact sheets and brochures with more information on the Indiana State Department of Health's Viral Hepatitis Prevention webpage, at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/25797.htm>

Accessing Services: Different Types of Services

1. **Prevention education and interventions** – Some organizations listed in this directory can provide brochures, information and counseling about how to avoid infection with viral hepatitis. Some organizations may offer free condoms or other prevention resources.
2. **Vaccination** – Some organizations listed in this directory can provide vaccination against Hepatitis A and B. Some organizations may offer the screening free of charge and others may require the individual to pay a fee.
3. **Screening** – Some organizations listed in this directory can provide screening to help a person learn whether they are infected with viral hepatitis. Some organization may offer the screening free of charge and others may require the individual to pay a fee.
4. **Treatment** – Some hospitals, clinics and doctors listed in this directory provide treatment for people living with chronic hepatitis B or C. These facilities may or may not accept private insurance or Medicaid. Some facilities may provide care free of charge to individuals without coverage. It is important to consult with the facilities about how they handle reimbursement for their services.
5. **Support services** – Some organizations listed in this directory provide support services for people living with viral hepatitis. This may include hosting support groups, individual counseling, case management services and other types of social or emotional support.

A-C

Accessing Services: Locations by County

**Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Blackford, Boone,
Carroll, Cass, Clark Clay, Clinton and Crawford**

Adams County

Organization: Adams County Health Department
313 Jefferson, Rm 320
Decatur, IN 46733
260-724-5326

Target population: All

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: M-F

Types of Support Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for Children for Hepatitis B;
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
None

Languages in which Services are Provided:
English only

Service available for Non-English speaking clients:
None

Allen County

Organization: AIDS Task Force, Inc.
525 Oxford Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46806
260-744-1144
www.aidsfortwayne.org

Target population: HIV positive individuals and persons at an increased risk for HIV infection

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Private;
Medicare/Medicaid;
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management;
Drug & alcohol recovery,
Service referral (food, housing, etc.);
HIV positive people who are co-infected with Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free condoms;
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C infected persons

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Care coordination for hepatitis B & C infected persons
Counseling Services for Hepatitis B & C infected persons

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials
Distribute hepatitis educational materials
Health education programs for clients with Hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C infection

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Burmese
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff;
Interpretation Services;
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health (10)
4813 New Haven Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46806
260-449-7504 (HIV, STD, TB)
260-449-7514 (Immunizations)
www.allencountyhealthHepatitis.com

Target population: Those in need;
The STD clinic focuses on high risk populations, such as youth,
African American, Men who have sex with men (MSM), and
substance users

Clinical Services Provided: STD/HIV Clinic, Infectious Disease Clinic/Refugee Clinic, Lead Clinic, Immunization Clinic, Traveler's Clinic, Satellite HIV Counseling and Testing Sites

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid;
Working toward accepting other types of insurance; Minimal Fees in the clinics, HIV satellite test sites are no charge.

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies;
Referrals are typically pre-arranged appointments

Hours of Operations: Monday- Friday, 8AM-5PM. Closed most federal holidays.
Phones open at 9AM

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-in Clinics are M, W, F afternoons: 1-4PM and Tuesday mornings 8:30AM -noon. Appointments are set all other times by calling one day in advance.

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management;
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors;
Hepatitis B testing;
Hepatitis C Antibody testing;
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B;
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B;
Free Condoms;
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Counseling Services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C;
Phlebotomy on Site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis Educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C;
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C;
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C;
Support Groups for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English;
Burmese;
Spanish;
Other languages accommodated as needed

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff;
Interpretation Services;
Health education materials translated into multiple languages;

Multilingual videos on various public health topics

Organization: Neighborhood Health Clinics
1717 S. Calhoun
Fort Wayne, IN 46806
260-458-2641
<http://nhci.org>

Target population: All groups are welcome

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults;
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents;
Obstetrics/Gynecology;
Referrals to Specialty Care

Insurance Accepted: Private;
Medicare/Medicaid;
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Mon and Wed 8am-7pm; Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am-5pm

Hours for Walk-ins: During normal business hours if appointment is open on the schedule

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors;
Hepatitis B testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B;
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Laboratory on site for Hepatitis B;
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B;
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
None

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Burmese
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Multilingual staff
Interpretation services

Bartholomew County

Organization: Bartholomew County Health Department
1971 State Street
Columbus, IN 47201
812-379-1550
<http://bartholomew.in.gov>

Target population: Individuals at high risk for contracting hepatitis C such as injection drug users who share drug equipment

Clinical Services Provided: Not Applicable

Insurance Accepted: Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Tuesday and Wednesday, appointments 8-11 and 1-4

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins are accepted any time if staff is available to assist

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health Education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Multilingual staff
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Benton County

None

Blackford County

None

Boone County

Organization: Boone County Health Department
116 W. Washington Street, B202
Lebanon, IN 46052
765-482-3942
765-483-4458
<http://www.boonecounty.in.gov>

Target population: Boone County residents

Clinical Services Provided: Referrals to Specialty Care
Nutrition
Free Tuberculosis (TB) screenings and free pregnancy testing

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Immunizations are by appointment. STD clinic is a walk in clinic on Thursdays. Some services are by appointment, some are for walk-in clinic days and some services are walk-in five days a week.

Hours for Walk-ins: M-F, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; closed major holidays

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling Services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referral to clinical trials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

We have access to the language line to help with many languages

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Brown County

None

Carroll County

None

Cass County

None

Clark County

Organization: Clark County Health Department
1301 Akers Ave.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-284-6609

Target population: Risk groups

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Mon - Fri 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Off site by appt.

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins not accepted

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free condoms
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Family Health Centers of Southern Indiana (42)
1319 Duncan Ave.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-283-2308

Target population: Clark, Floyd and Harrison county underinsured and uninsured residents

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care-Adults
Primary Care-Pediatrics/children, adolescent
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Family Planning
Referrals to Specialty Care

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday-Friday 8-4:30 and two Saturdays out of the month from 9-12

Hours for Walk-ins: We accept Blood pressure checks, glucose checks, PT/INR checks, urinalysis, pregnancy test, STD testing and injections

as walk-ins. We accept walk-ins Monday-Friday 8-11 and 1-4 and Saturday 9-11

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Mental health counseling
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for Children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Disease Monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Treatment/Treatment Monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care Coordination/Case Management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling Services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

Burmese
Cambodian
Chinese
English
French
Haitian/Creole
Korean
Russian
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Clay County

None

Clinton County

None

Crawford County

None

Accessing Services: Locations by County

**Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, De Kalb, Delaware,
Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin,
Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock,
Harrison, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jackson,
Jasper, Jay, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox,
Kosciusko, La Porte, Lagrange, Lake and Lawrence**

Daviess County

Organization: Daviess County Health Department
303 E. Hefron Street
Washington, IN 47501
812-254-8666

Target population: Low income and non-insured

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Not applicable

Hours of Operations: Not applicable

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins not accepted

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

Burmese

English

Haitian/Creole

Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff

Interpretation services

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Dearborn County

None

Decatur County

None

De Kalb County

None

Delaware County

Organization: Delaware County Health Department
100 W. Main Street
Muncie, IN 47305
765-747-7721
www.co.delaware.in.us/health

Target population: We provide Adult & Travel Immunizations to anyone 18 and over

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-in;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Adult & Travel immunizations given every Thursday by appointment.

Hours for Walk-ins: If a walk-in comes on my travel clinic day they will be accepted without an appointment.

Types of Support Services Provided:
Case management

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Open Door Health Services (38)

333 South Madison Street
Muncie, IN 47303
765-287-8348
www.opendoorhs.org

Target population: Uninsured and underinsured in East Central Indiana, main office in Delaware County

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Family Planning
Referrals to Specialty Care
Nutrition
Health Education

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies
Urgent Care Services

Hours of Operations: Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 8:45-8:30 PM
Weds & Fri: 8:45-4:30 PM
Sat: 8-12

Hours for Walk-ins: Urgent care: 8AM-8PM, M-F, 8-6 Sat and Sun at South; Urgent Care at Madison site: 10-8 M-F

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Service Referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Laboratory on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.)
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Treatment/treatment monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care Coordination/Case Management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling Service for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff;
Interpretation services;
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Meridian Health Services
240 N. Tillotson Street
Muncie, IN 47304
765-288-1928
www.meridianhs.org

Target population: Muncie, Delaware County, Rushville, and Rush County residents

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Referrals to Specialty Care
Pharmacy on Site

Insurance Accepted: Privat
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: M, W, F 8a-5p; T & Th 8a - 7p; Sat 8a-noon

Hours for Walk-ins: Varies

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Drug and alcohol recovery
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms;
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.) for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Treatment/ Treatment monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

None

Languages in which services are provided:

English

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

English- translation services on an as needed basis

Organization: Heartland Community Services Foundation, INC. (50)
520 East Main Street
Muncie, IN 47305
1-800-270-6540
www.heartlandcsf.com

Target population: All Populations are served. Primary focus includes High Risk Heterosexuals, Men that have sex with Men, Youth, Injection Drug Users, and Hispanic populations.

Clinical Services Provided: Referrals to Specialty Care for HIV, Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B, STI screening Testing services

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Clinic hours Madison County Health Department
•Friday: 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
•The 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Wayne County Health Department
•Thursday: 8:00 am -3:30 pm
Grant County Health Department
•Wednesday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
•By appointment only.
•Please call 765-662-0377 to schedule

Hours for Walk-ins: See above

Types of Support Services Provided:

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

HIV Testing Services

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.) for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Support groups for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages.
Many service sites have interpretation services, but not all sites.

Dubois County

None

Elkhart County

None

Fayette County

None

Floyd County

None

Fountain County

None

Franklin County

None

Fulton County

None

Gibson County

Organization: Gibson County Health Department
203 S. Prince Street, Suite A
Princeton, IN 47470
812-386-8027
www.gibsoncountyhealthHepatitis.com

Target population: Uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid populations; those of childbearing age, children, adults and the elderly, and those at risk for STD's and teen pregnancy

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday thru Friday 8 am until 4 pm

Hours for Walk-ins: We accept walk-ins on a case-by-case basis

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Presumptive Eligibility for pregnancy

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for Children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Grant County

None

Greene County

Organization: Greene County Health Department
217 E. Spring Street, Suite 1
Bloomfield, IN 47424
812-384-4496
www.co.greene.in.us/health

Target population: Risk groups and referrals

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Visits for referrals would be at any time 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Hours for Walk-ins: We offer only vitals check/monitoring/accuchecks/ and free pregnancy testing. Free HIV and Hep C testing are done here quarterly. Free HIV and Hep C testing is done usually 2nd or 3rd Wednesday for 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Types of Support Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis C Antibody testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Care coordination/ Case management

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish
Those materials that we can access in particular languages accessible through the internet or specific organizations

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Hamilton County

None

Hancock County

Organization: Hancock County Health Department
111 American Legion Place, #150
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-477-1125
www.hancockcoingov.org

Target population: Under insured, No Insurance, Any disparity

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Only for Immunizations:
Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments;
Walk-ins;
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: M-F 8-4; limited nursing services at other times/days by appointment only.

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins may be serviced m-f as time allows; appointments are given priority

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Prenatal vitamins
Nicotine replacement therapy with enrollment to a cessation class

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish
Print materials only, as available in any language

We do have volunteers that will translate Spanish if needed.

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Harrison County

Organization: Harrison County Health Department
241 Atwood Street, Suite 105
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-3237
www.harrisoncountyhealthHepatitis.com

Target population: All people

Clinical Services Provided: Immunization and Case management

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins

Hours of Operations: 8:15-4 M-TH

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Free condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

None

Languages in which services are provided:

English

Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Hendricks County

None

Henry County

Organization: Henry County Health Department
1201 Race Street, Suite 208
New Castle, IN 47362
765-521-7059
www.henryco.net

Target population: Low economic populations, those with no insurance

Clinical Services Provided: Immunization

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Hours of Operations: 7am to 11:30am & 1:15pm to 4:45pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. 7am to 11:30am & 1:15pm to 3:45pm on Friday.

Hours for Walk-ins: See above

Types of Support Services Provided:

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Hepatitis C Antibody testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Laboratory on site for Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

Burmese
Cambodian
Chinese
English
French
Haitian/Creole
Korean
Russian
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Howard County

Organization: Howard County Health Department
120 E. Mulberry Street, Room 206
Kokomo, IN 46901
765-456-2402
<http://co.howard.in.us>

Target population: High risk behavior individuals (STD treatment program, HIV, Hepatitis C & Syphilis testing), TB testing and treatment (active and latent TB), Communicable disease case investigations, Lead program (lead case management and home visits for lead risk assessment and inspection for children with venous lead levels > or = to 10), Children and adult vaccinations, College students (TB testing and vaccinations), Uninsured for vaccinations, Community health education in high risk areas of Howard County (Howard County Jail, CAM, Rescue Mission, Open Arms, Domestic Violence Shelter, etc.), Partnerships with resources in the Howard County area (Minority Health Alliance, Black Expo, United Way, 211 United Way of Howard County, Smoke Free Kokomo Coalition, Project Access/Diabetes Work Group, Parish Nursing, Early Head Start, etc.)

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured
Some private insurance for children (2 months -18 years) vaccination services

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies
Every Monday free HIV testing

Hours of Operations: Adult vaccines, and Tuberculosis (TB) testing Monday and Friday (8:15 am-12 pm and 1pm-3:30 pm) Children vaccines by appointment (every Tuesday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm and every Wednesday 8:00 am-11:30 am and 1:00 pm-3:30 pm) Latent TB medication pick up by appointment as needed (usually Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday) Lead case management and risk assessment and inspection home visits by appointment as the cases arise.

Hours for Walk-ins: Monday 9 am-11 am and 1 pm-3 pm (HIV testing)

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis B testing

Hepatitis C Antibody testing

Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

The vaccine information statements are provided in most of the languages

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services;

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Huntington County

Organization: Huntington County Health Department
354 N. Jefferson Street
Huntington, IN 46750
260-358-4831
www.huntington.org

Target population: General population of Huntington County

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Nutrition

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday through Friday 8a-4:30 pm

Hours for Walk-ins: Between 9a-11am or between 1p--4pm Generally on Tuesdays or Thursdays

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.) for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English;
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services;
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Jackson County

Organization: Jackson County Health Department
801 W. Second Street
Seymour, IN 47274
812-522-6474
www.jacksoncountyhealth-in.com

Target population: Any citizen of Jackson County

Clinical Services Provided: Childhood immunizations

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid

Types of Client visits: Appointments

Hours of Operations: Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

Smoking Cessation

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

None

Languages in which services are provided:

English

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Jasper County

None

Jay County

None

Jefferson County

None

Jennings County

Organization: Jennings County Health Department
200 E Brown St
Vernon, IN 47282
812-352-3024
www.jenningscounty-in.in.gov

Target population: Jail Inmates, drug & alcohol abusers, and the general population

Clinical Services Provided: Hepatitis B vaccinations & referrals

Insurance Accepted: Do not accept insurance

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm We offer free educational information

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk in immunization & TB skin testing clinic Tuesdays
9am-11am

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Counseling services

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish
Vaccine Information statements in any language

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Johnson County

None

Knox County

None

Kosciusko County

Organization: Kosciusko County Health Department
1515 Provident Drive
Warsaw, IN 46510
574-372-2349
<http://www.kcgov.com/department/?fDD=14-0>

Target population: All Kosciusko County citizens and visitors

Clinical Services Provided: Communicable Disease Management, Well Child visits, Immunizations, and Prenatal Care Coordination and Clinic

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid;
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: General hours are Monday- Friday 8-430. Immunization is Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30- 12, and 1:15-3:30. Immunization has off site clinics on Thursday afternoons. Prenatal has appointments throughout open hours. The nurse evaluation and blood work appointments are on Wednesdays. Well Child visits on Thursdays. Communicable Disease varies as to need.

Hours for Walk-ins: As available; if we are not busy and can fit someone in we will, if we cannot fit them in we schedule them an appointment.

Types of Support Services Provided:

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

La Porte County

None

Lagrange County

None

Lake County

Organization: HealthLinc
100 W. Chicago Ave.
East Chicago, IN 46312
219-398-9685
www.healthlincchc.org

Target population: Insured, uninsured, private insurance, low-income

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Family Planning
Referrals to Specialty Care
Pharmacy on Site
Nutrition

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday- Friday 8-5

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins not accepted

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case Management
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Laboratory on site for Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis C
Treatment/Treatment Monitoring for Hepatitis C
Care Coordination/Case Management for Hepatitis C
Referral to clinical trials

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B
Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis B
Training for clinical staff on Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish
Translation through phone

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Lake County Health Department
2293 N Main Street
Crown Point, IN 4630
219-755-3655
www.healthlincchc.org

Target population: Those at risk for HIV infection

Clinical Services Provided: Hepatitis Testing

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Wednesdays 8 AM-2 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Wednesdays 8 AM-2 PM

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody Testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
German/Finnish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

None

Lawrence County

None

Accessing Services: Locations by County

**Madison, Marion, Marhsall, Martin, Miami, Monroe,
Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Noble, Ohio,
Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pike, Porter, Posey,
Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley and Rush**

Madison County

Organization: Aspire Indiana
 2009 Brown Street
 Anderson, IN 46012
 765-641-9523
www.aspireindiana.org

Target population: Substance abuse populations

Clinical Services Provided: Mental Health

Insurance Accepted: Private
 Medicare/Medicaid
 Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
 Walk-ins

Hours of Operations: Mon-Fri 8 AM-5 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:
 None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
 Hepatitis C Antibody testing
 Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free condoms
 Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis C
 Health education programs for clients for Hepatitis C
 Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
 Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Marion County

Organization: Peoples Health Center
2340 East 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201
317-633-7360
www.iuhealthHepatitis.org

Target population: Reproductive Health and high risk sexual behaviors

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Family Planning
Nutrition

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins

Hours of Operations: Family Planning- Tues, Thur and Fri 8 AM-4 PM Wed 8 AM-7 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Tues 8 AM first come basis; accepting about 6 patients.
Fri at 8 AM and 1 PM dept only

Types of Support Services Provided:

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Hepatitis C Antibody testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for Children for Hepatitis B
Referrals to social workers and mental health teams
Free Condoms for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Care coordination/ Case management

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis Educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

Burmese
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Indianapolis Urban League

777 Indiana Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-693-7603
www.indplsul.org

Target population: African-American, other minorities and disadvantaged individuals

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: According to the schedules of our testers

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

Special Population Support Services HIV positive client with substance abuse disorders only

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

None

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Health education materials translated into multiple languages
HIV & STI pre & post-test counseling and testing

Organization: Indiana Health Centers, Inc.
8003 Castleway Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317-576-1335
www.indianahealthonline.org

Target population: Community Health Center patients, Migrant farm workers,
homeless in South Bend IN

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care - Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents

Obstetrics/Gynecology
Referrals to Specialty Care

- Insurance Accepted:** Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured
- Types of Client visits:** Appointments
Walk-ins
- Hours of Operations:** Open
- Hours for Walk-ins:** Open access schedule, daily, hours vary by site and provider

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Drug and alcohol recovery
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Enrollment into healthcare plans
Behavioral Health

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms
Substance abuse services

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Disease monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Marshall County

Organization: Marshall County Health Department
112 W. Jefferson St., Room 103
Plymouth, IN 46563
574-935-8565
www.co.marshall.in.us

Target population: Children and adult vaccinations. Investigations for lead, housing, case investigations for tuberculosis (TB) and communicable disease

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins

Hours of Operations: Monday & Tuesday by appointment 8:10 AM until 12 PM, 2PM until 4 PM additional times may be arranged in some circumstances

Hours for Walk-ins: Appointments preferred but walk-ins are worked into the schedule as time allows.

Types of Support Services provided:
Lead case management and TB case management

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish
As needed

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Martin County

None

Miami County

None

Monroe County

Organization: IU Health Positive Link
333 E Miller Dr.
Bloomington, IN 47401
812-353-3169
<http://iuhealthHepatitisorg/bloomington/for-patients/community-health/hiv-aids-positive-link/>

Target population: Men who have sex with men.
Persons with history of substance use/abuse, especially injection drug use.

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Our office is open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. We also make appointments outside of those hours and even on weekends if necessary.

Hours for Walk-ins: Mondays – 2 PM to 6 PM HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis C testing at our office
Thursdays – 11 AM to 2 PM HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis C testing on IU campus

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Health education programs for clients for hepatitis B & C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Two people on staff speak Spanish but we have access to interpretation resources.

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff

Interpretation services

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Montgomery County

Organization:

IU Health Positive Link

110 W. South Blvd.

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

765-364-6440

<http://www.montgomeryco.net/departments/index.php?structureid=20>

Target population:

Underserved Healthcare needs

Clinical Services Provided:

Not applicable

Insurance Accepted:

Not applicable

Types of Client visits:

Appointments

Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations:

We are open from 8a to 4:30 pm... Appts begin at 8:30 a last one is at 3:30

Hours for Walk-ins:

Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B

Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop and Distribute hepatitis education materials for both hepatitis B and C

Languages in which services are provided:

Chinese

English

Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Morgan County

None

Newton County

None

Noble County

None

Ohio County

None

Orange County

Organization: Orange County Health Department
205 E. Main Street Ste 9
Paoli, IN 47454
812-723-7112

Target population: White, Hispanic, Jamaican, Chinese, IDU, Unprotected Sex

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Private
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments

Hours of Operations: Immunizations, Tuberculosis (TB) testing, education materials.
Wed thru Friday 8 AM-4 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:
Case Management and Case management for Lead and TB

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Care coordination for Hepatitis B & C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Develop and Distribute hepatitis education materials for both hepatitis B and C

Languages in which services are provided:

Chinese
English
Spanish
Whichever needed

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Owen County

None

Parke County

None

Perry County

Organization: Perry County Health Department
125 S 8th Street
Cannelton, IN 475204
812-547-2746
www.perrycounty.in.gov/departments/healthHepatitis.aspx

Target population: All Perry county and neighboring residents

Clinical Services Provided: Referrals to Specialty Care

Insurance Accepted: Medicaid for children only at this time

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Mondays at Leopold Clinic 2:30 PM-5 PM Tuesdays at Cannelton Health Department 9-11 AM, 1-4 PM

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish
Japanese

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Pike County

None

Porter County

None

Posey County

None

Pulaski County

Organization: Pulaski County Health Department
125 S Riverside Dr.
Winamac, IN 46996
574-946-6080
www.pulaski@isdHepatitisin.gov

Target population: All

Clinical Services Provided: Immunizations, lead/hgb screens, pregnancy tests

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday through Friday 8 AM-4 PM, closed 12 PM-1 PM.
Immunizations are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only!

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis C
Care Coordination

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Putnam County

None

Randolph County

None

Ripley County

Organization: Ripley County Health Department
102 West First North Street
Versailles, IN 47042
812-689-5751
www.ripleycounty.com

Target population: Medicaid, Medicare residents, Children (all ages), local School Corps, all residents

Clinical Services Provided: Immunizations

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walks-ins

Hours of Operations: 8 to 12 and 1 to 4, Mon thru Friday. No limitations

Hours for Walk-ins: 8 to 12 and 1 to 4, Mon thru Friday. No limitations

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop and Distribute hepatitis education materials for both hepatitis B and C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Rush County

None

Accessing Services: Locations by County

St. Joseph, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Starke, Steuben,
Sullivan, Switzerland, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Union,
Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Warren,
Warrick, Washington, Wayne, Wells, White, Whitley

St. Joseph County

Organization: Pulaski County Health Department
 227 W. Jefferson Blvd.
 South Bend, IN 46601
 574-235-9750
www.stjosephcountyindiana.com/departments/sjchd

Target population: Underserved populations

Clinical Services Provided: Immunizations STD/HIV Testing

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid

Types of Client visits: Appointments
 Walk-ins
 Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: 8-11:30 and 1-4 M-F Immunizations 8:30-11-30 and 1-3:30
 STD clinic Walk in Wed --3:30

Hours for Walk-ins: Same

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management;
 Case management for lead poisoned children to age 7and Active TB

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
 Hepatitis B testing
 Hepatitis C Antibody testing
 Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
 Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Treatment/ Treatment monitoring for Hepatitis B
 Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B
 Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B
 Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B
 Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B

Languages in which services are provided:

English
 Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Scott County

Organization: Scott County Health Department
1471 N. Gardner St.
Scottsburg, IN 47170
812-752-8455

Target population: Everyone in Scott County, Indiana

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Referrals from other agencies

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Walk-ins on Tuesdays 8 AM to 4 PM

Types of Support Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Develop hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Shelby County

None

Spencer County

None

Starke County

None

Steuben County

None

Sullivan County

None

Switzerland County

None

Tippecanoe County

Organization: Tippecanoe County Health Department
629 N. 6th Street Ste A
Lafayette, IN 47901
765-423-9221

Target population: Uninsured, underinsured, and low income populations

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Services are available by appointment only. Appointment times can be M-F 8 AM-4:30 PM based on the need of the patient.

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff

Tipton County

None

Union County

Organization: Tippecanoe County Health Department
6 West South Street
Liberty, IN 47353
765-458-5393
www.uchd.com

Target population: Uninsured, special needs populations

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults;
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Referrals to Specialty Care;
Nutrition

Insurance Accepted: Uninsured
working with insurance companies to accept private and
Medicare/Medicaid

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Mon-Fri 8 AM-4 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Mon-Fri 8 AM-4 our health clinic; Wed and Thurs 1-4 and 8-12

Types of Support Services Provided:
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.) for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation services

Vanderburgh County

Organization: Tippecanoe County Health Department
201 NW 4th Street, Ste B-7
Evansville, IN 477708
812-421-0059
www.argevansville.org

Target population: HIV (+), high risk HIV (-), MSM, Substance users, African Americans, Latinos, youth, incarcerated, income-based housing, church groups, universities/colleges, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Office hours are 8 AM-5 PM M-F

Hours for Walk-ins: Office hours are 8 AM-5 PM M-F, services available pending staff available. We always encourage scheduling an appointment to ensure a client receives the best services.

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Drug and alcohol recovery
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling
Enrollment into healthcare plans
Reentry services for ex-offenders

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis C
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis C
Counseling services

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation Services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Vermillion County

Organization: Vermillion-Parke Community Health Center
777 South Main Street
Clinton, IN 47842
765-828-1003
www.vpchc.org

Target population: All

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
Referrals to Specialty Care
Nutrition

Insurance Accepted: Private
Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday - Thursday 8 AM-8 PM Friday 8 AM-5 PM

Hours for Walk-ins: Open walk in hours from 5-8 PM Monday - Thursday.

Types of Support Services Provided:

Case management
Drug and alcohol recovery
Service referral (food, housing, etc.)
Mental health counseling
Enrollment into healthcare plans

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing

Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Laboratory on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Treatment/ Treatment monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Care coordination/ Case management for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

None

Languages in which services are provided:

Burmese
Cambodian
Chinese
English
French
Haitian/Creole
Korean
Russian
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Interpretation Services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Vigo County

Organization: Vigo County Health Department
696 S 1st Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-462-3431
www.vigocounty.in.gov

Target population: Entire population from young infants to older adults

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid
Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday-Friday 8:15-Noon and 1:00-3:45, call for appointment.
Some services are only done on certain days.

Hours for Walk-ins: Mondays and Fridays-TB testing is walk-in only from 8:15-noon
and 1:00-3:30.

Types of Support Services Provided:
Case management

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children and Adults for Hepatitis B
Free Condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Wabash County

None

Warren County

None

Warrick County

None

Washington County

Organization: Washington County Health Department
806 Mainesburg Rd, Ste 100
Salem, IN 47167
812-883-5603
www.vigocounty.in.gov

Target population: None

Clinical Services Provided: Not applicable

Insurance Accepted: Not applicable

Types of Client visits: Not applicable

Hours of Operations: Not applicable

Hours for Walk-ins: Not applicable

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B

Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Distribute educational materials for Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

None

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

None

Wayne County

Organization: Aspire Indiana
600 East Main Street, L-14
Richmond, IN 47374
1-877-574-1254
www.aspireindiana.org

Target population: HIV (+) Care Coordination & Special Populations Program

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents

Insurance Accepted: Medicare/Medicaid

Types of Client visits: Appointments
Walk-ins
Referrals from other agencies

Hours of Operations: Monday through Friday

Hours for Walk-ins: Drop in testing once a month on Tuesday mornings from 9-12

Types of Support Services Provided:

None

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:

Risk factors
 Hepatitis B testing
 Hepatitis C Antibody testing
 Hepatitis C Confirmatory Testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:

Free condoms
 Substance abuse services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:

Referrals for Hepatology/Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
 Phlebotomy on Site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:

Develop HEPATITIS educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
 Distribute educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
 Health education programs for clients on Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
 Training for clinical staff on Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:

English
 Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:

Multilingual staff
 Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Organization: Wayne County Health Department
 203 East Main Street
 Richmond, IN 47374
 765-973-9245
www.co.wayne.in.us

Target population: Those living in East Central Indiana and Western Ohio

Clinical Services Provided: Primary Care – Adults
 Primary Care - Pediatrics/Children, Adolescents
 Obstetrics/Gynecology
 Family Planning
 Referrals to Specialty Care
 Pharmacy on Site

Insurance Accepted: Private
 Medicare/Medicaid
 Uninsured

Types of Client visits: Appointments
 Walk-ins
 Walk-in STD testing with HIV, Hepatitis, and Syphilis testing on Thursdays

Hours of Operations: Monday thru Friday 8am to 5 pm with evening appointments available

Hours for Walk-ins: Thursdays, from 8 AM to 11AM and 1 PM to 3 PM. Other times and days can be made available with appointments.

Types of Support Services Provided:
Mental health counseling

Hepatitis Testing and Screening Services Provided:
Screening for viral hepatitis risk factors
Hepatitis B testing
Hepatitis C Antibody testing
Hepatitis C Confirmatory testing

Hepatitis Prevention Services Provided:
Vaccination for children for Hepatitis B
Vaccination for adults for Hepatitis B
Free condoms

Hepatitis Treatment Services Provided:
Laboratory on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Disease monitoring (Ex. LFT's, ELISA, etc.) for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Referrals for Hepatology/ Gastroenterology for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Treatment/ Treatment monitoring for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Counseling services for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Phlebotomy on site for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Hepatitis Educational Services Provided:
Distribute hepatitis educational materials for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
Training for non-clinical staff for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

Languages in which services are provided:
English
Spanish

Services available for non-English speaking clients:
Interpretation services
Health education materials translated into multiple languages

Wells County

None

White County

None

Whitley County

None

Living with Hepatitis C

An important purpose of this guide is to provide concrete information about services available for people living with hepatitis C. If you have recently tested positive for hepatitis C, know that you are not alone. In Indiana at least 6,314 people were reported in 2013 as having viral hepatitis. Many more persons may be infected and are likely not aware of it.

Know your HCV Status

The only way to know for sure if you have hepatitis C is to get tested. Some of the screening sites listed in this guide may offer antibody testing for hepatitis C. In about 20% of the cases of hepatitis C, a person's body is able to fight off the infection and clear the virus. This means, the person may test positive for antibodies but may not have lifelong infection. In order to know if you have lifelong infection (also called chronic infection) it is important to have a confirmatory test, such as an HCV viral load test.

Get Medical Care

Hepatitis C is known as a "silent epidemic" because people can live with the infection for many years without any noticeable symptoms. People with chronic hepatitis C should be monitored regularly for signs of liver disease. Even though a person may not feel sick, damage to the liver can still occur. People with hepatitis C should get medical care that includes:

- An initial physical exam and medical history
- Liver function tests
- Viral load and genotype testing
- Vaccination for hepatitis A and B
- Routine health maintenance and evaluation for other problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and other diseases.

To evaluate the health of your liver, your medical provider may want to conduct an ultrasound or biopsy of your liver.

Talk with your Provider about Treatment

Antiviral medication can be used to treat some people with hepatitis C but not everyone needs or can benefit from treatment. The decision to undergo treatment is an individual one that you would make in consultation with your medical provider.

Reduce Alcohol Consumption

One of the most important steps that all people living with hepatitis can take to protect their health is to reduce or eliminate alcohol consumption. Even small amounts of alcohol, 2-3 drinks per day, may speed up liver damage in people with hepatitis C. People living with hepatitis C should talk with their doctor before taking prescription or over the counter medications, herbal supplements or vitamins. It is important to avoid large amounts (2000 mg) of acetaminophen (Tylenol and other non-aspirin pain relievers) because they are toxic to the liver.

Learn About How to Maximize Your Health

Other important steps that can help improve health and quality of life for people living with HCV include: eating a healthy, balanced diet, drinking plenty of water, getting 8 hours of sleep each night, getting exercise, and taking steps to reduce stress.

Step by Step Guide: Living with Hepatitis C

If you are living with chronic hepatitis C there are a number of helpful websites and brochures to help you navigate through the process of learning your status to accessing care and treatment:

HCV Advocate

The HCV advocate is a national organization with expertise around HCV. Their website provides information on hepatitis C treatment options, articles, newsletters and a host of resources for people living with HCV.

<http://www.hcvadvocate.org/>

Specific materials of interest from HCV Advocate include:

First Steps for Living with HCV

Brochure prepared by the HCV Advocate. Offers suggestions for managing the early phases of living with an HCV diagnosis.

http://hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/First_Steps.asp

Guide to Healthy Living with HCV

Brochure prepared by the HCV Advocate. Provides a guide for living with HCV.

http://hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/factsheets_pdf/Healthy%20Living%20Guide_09.pdf

Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors

The Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors Program mission is to improve the lives of people living with hepatitis C through information and awareness.

<http://www.hepcchallenge.org/>

Hepatitis C Choices:

Hepatitis C Choices is a book available online to help people living with HCV become the best possible advocate for their own healthcare. It provides useful information to help you make treatment and lifestyle choices that are right for you.

<http://www.hepcchallenge.org/choices/disclaimer.htm>

Hep C Primer

Find answers to your most pressing Hep C and liver support questions. Award-winning site developed by a patient to help you learn the facts

<http://www.hepcprimer.com/>

Transportation Needs

Many persons struggle with transportation to and from health care provider appointments and those with a hepatitis diagnosis are no different. In fact, these persons can have even more challenges as seeking medical attention for hepatitis often requires frequent visits to a healthcare provider. Below is a list of possible resources for aid with transportation. This list is not exhaustive. There are likely other resources throughout the state.

Indiana Family Helpline (IFHL)

The primary focus of the Indiana Family Helpline is to address questions relating to social service related concerns of callers throughout the state of Indiana. Callers' needs are assessed by trained Communication Specialists, referred to the appropriate community resource(s) accessed through the county-specific computer resource database that presently contains over 10,000 resources.

Toll Free Phone Number: 1-855-HELP-1st (1-855-435-7178)

Days and Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 5:00pm

Web address: IFHL.ISDH.IN.gov

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis provides reliable transportation to get to and from preventative and lifesaving medical appointments such as dialysis, chemotherapy and prenatal exams. Transportation is offered in Boone, Clinton, Hamilton and Marion Counties free of charge and on a referral basis.

Refer a patient

Individuals may be eligible for this program if they do not have access to reliable transportation and are: ineligible for Medicaid, unable to use public transportation or receiving prenatal care.

Physicians, social workers and medical clinics may contact the Greater Indianapolis Red Cross to establish a referral.

To refer a patient who lives in:

- Boone County, please call (888) 684-1441, ext. 338
- Clinton County, please call (888) 684-1441, ext. 338
- Hamilton County, please call 317-773-0380
- Marion County, please call 317-684-4337

Patient Assistance Programs

Patient assistance programs are run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine. Pharmaceutical companies have a long-standing tradition of providing prescription medicines free of charge to physicians whose patients might not otherwise have access to necessary medicines. Pharmaceutical companies operate these programs, commonly referred to as patient assistance programs, voluntarily. Many drug manufacturers offer patient assistance programs, which can greatly decrease or entirely eliminate the costs of many medications.

RxAssist Directory of Patient Assistance Programs:

RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of these patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need. All in one place: www.rxassist.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. Many will get them free or nearly free. Organizations collaborating on this program include, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, the Lupus Foundation of America, the NAACP, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and the National Medical Association. To access the Partnership for Prescription Assistance by phone, you can call toll-free, 1-888-4PPA-NOW / 1-888-477-2669 www.pparx.org

Please note that the requirements for program eligibility vary. Some programs may be applied for directly by the patient, whereas other program applications must be initiated by the healthcare provider (physician, pharmacist or agency). Below are a few telephone numbers you can call to ask questions.

PRODUCT NAME	PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY AND CONTACT INFO	TYPE
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PRODUCT NAME	PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY AND CONTACT INFO	TYPE
Epivir HBV (lamuvidine)	GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals www.hepatitisbhelp.com www.gskforyou.com 866-PATIENT / 866-728-4368	Hepatitis B
Hepsera (adefovir dipivoxil)	Gilead Pharmaceuticals www.hepsera.com/reimbursement.aspx 800-226-2056	Hepatitis B
Baraclude (entecavir)	Bristol-Myers Squibb www.bmspaf.org 800-736-0003	Hepatitis B
Tyzeka (telbivudine)	Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation www.idenix.com 877-8-TYZEKA / 877-889-9352	Hepatitis B
Pegasys (Peg Interferon alfa-2a) injection Pegasys/Copegus Combination (Peginterferon alfa-2a+Ribavirin)	Roche Pharmaceuticals http://www.rocheusa.com/programs/patientassist.asp 877-75ROCHE / 877-757-6243	Hepatitis B & C
Intron-A (Interferon alfa-2b recombinant) injection Rebetron (Ribavirin, capsules) Peg-Intron (Peg Interferon alfa-2b) powder for injection	Schering Pharmaceuticals www.hep-help.com/peg/application www.beincharge.com Commitment to Care 800-521-7157	Hepatitis C
RibaPak™ (ribavirin) Tablets	Three Rivers Pharmaceuticals www.3riverspharma.com/pat_riba.html RibaCare® 866-650-RIBA	Hepatitis C
Infergen (Interferon alfacon-1)	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Infergent Aspire Nursing and Reimbursement Support program www.infergen.com/5-Aspire/6-Reimbursement.html 888-MOVE-FWD / 888-668-3393	Hepatitis C

Useful Hepatitis Websites

Indiana Resources

Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)

The ISDH Viral Hepatitis Prevention webpage provides links to hepatitis resources and contains current news information on hepatitis, as well as allows access to the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Newsletter.

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/25797.htm>

National Organization and Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC Viral Hepatitis home page provides links to hepatitis fact sheets, resource center, on-line training, reports and recommendations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/index.htm>

CDC Hepatitis Coordinator Website Portal

This website serves as a home page for AVHPCs with a list of AVHPCs, link to each state's hepatitis webpage, glossary, bibliography and a host of other resources.

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/resource/coordinators_portal.htm

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

This weekly report provides updated information on specific diseases as reported by state and territorial health departments. It is a good source for updated CDC recommendations, reports and other items of interest to the public health community.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online

Immunization Action Coalition

Everything you ever wanted to know about immunization including vaccine information sheets, brochures, vaccine recommendation information and other related resources. You can access several important publications such as IAC Express, Hep Express and Needle Tips. Hepprograms.org is a useful catalogue of different hepatitis-based programs around the country.

<http://immunize.org/> and <http://www.hepprograms.org/hepexpress/>

American Liver Foundation

This website provides information on liver diseases, as well as advocacy for education, treatment and research funding.

<http://www.liverfoundation.org/>

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

An important resource for information about hepatitis integration, legislative updates that impact viral hepatitis, advocacy issues and other important topics.

<http://nastad.org/Programs/viralhepatitis/>

National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable is a coalition of public, private, and voluntary organizations dedicated to reducing the incidence of infection, morbidity, and mortality from viral hepatitis in the US through strategic planning, leadership, advocacy, and research.

<http://www.nvhr.org/>

Hepatitis Central

This website is dedicated to providing in-depth and cutting edge information for Hepatitis C patients and their families, caregivers and health professionals.

www.hepatitis-central.com

The Liver Transplant Support Forum - National Institutes of Health

www.nih.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA is the largest single provider of medical care to people with hepatitis C in the United States and provides the highest quality, comprehensive care to Veterans.

www.hepatitis.va.gov

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<http://www.hepcprimer.com/>

Hep C Vets

This website is provided by past and presents members of the United States Military with Hepatitis C (HCV) to assist fellow Retirees/Veterans / Active Military and Dependents with awareness to the Hepatitis C virus exposure methods during military service.

www.hcvets.com

Hep-C Alert

Hep-C Alert is a nonprofit organization established to raise awareness, provide health education, counseling, testing and linkage services to more than 30,000 people throughout the U.S.

www.hep-c-alert.org

Hep C Connection

Hep C Connection is a hepatitis C-focused advocacy organization with a proven history of community education, patient support, and disease prevention strategies.

www.hepc-connection.org

HIV and Hepatitis C

Mountain Plains AIDS Education and Training Center

The AIDS Education and Training Center with materials and resources on HIV and Hepatitis co-infection.

<http://www.mpaetc.org/>

HIV and Hepatitis

This website provides information on HIV and viral hepatitis sponsored by pharmaceutical companies. The focus is on clinical issues related to HIV, viral hepatitis, and co-infection.

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.org/>

National AIDS Treatment and Advocacy Project

This website provides extensive information about HIV, HCV and HIV/HCV co-infection.

<http://natap.org/>

Hepatitis B

Asian Liver Center at Stanford

The Asian Liver Center at Stanford University is the first non-profit in the United States that addresses the high rate of hepatitis B and liver cancer in Asians and Asian Americans

www.liver.stanford.edu

Hepatitis B Foundation

The only national organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide.

www.hepb.org

Global Hepatitis

World Health Organization (WHO)

This website provides fact sheets, information about travel and epidemiological data about viral hepatitis around the world.

<http://www.who.int/topics/hepatitis/en/>

Hepatitis Foundation International

This website educates the public and healthcare providers about viral hepatitis and its prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Educational videos and other resources are available.

<http://www.hepfi.org/>

Clinical Information

Hepatitis Web Study

This website provides interactive, case-based modules related to the clinical care of persons with viral hepatitis.

<http://depts.washington.edu/hepstudy/>

American Gastroenterological Association

This is the website for the professional association of gastroenterologists and its purpose is to advance the science and practice of gastroenterology.

<http://www.gastro.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=2>

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

AASLD is a nonprofit, member organization for physicians and others striving to prevent and cure diseases of the liver.

<https://www.aasld.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx>

Center Watch: Clinical Trials Listing Service

This website offers a state by state listing of clinical trials for viral hepatitis.

<http://www.centerwatch.com/patient/studies/cat79.html>

Hepatitis and Harm Reduction

Harm Reduction Coalition

The Harm Reduction Coalition is committed to reducing drug-related **harm** among individuals and communities by initiating and promoting **harm reduction** education, interventions, and community organizing.

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<http://www.harmreductionjournal.com/home>

Glossary of Useful Terms

Abdomen – The portion of the body located between the chest and the pelvis. Contains the stomach, lower part of the esophagus, small and large intestines, liver, gallbladder, spleen, pancreas, and bladder.

Acetaminophen – A type of medication used to relieve pain and fever. An example is Tylenol.

Acute illness – Acute refers to the short-term, initial stage of infection.

Adipose tissues – Fatty tissues.

Albumin – A protein produced by the liver that circulates in the blood.

Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) – A protein produced by cancerous liver cells.

Anemia – Condition in which there is a reduction in the number of circulating red blood cells, usually resulting in a decrease in the amount of oxygen in the blood.

Antibody – A molecule produced by the immune system in response to a foreign body such as a virus or bacteria. Antibodies circulate in the blood to protect against infection.

Antigen – A foreign substance that the body's immune system identifies as potentially harmful.

Ascites – Fluid accumulation in the abdomen.

Asymptomatic – Without symptoms or signs of illness.

Autoimmune – A condition in which the body produces antibodies against normal parts of the body to such an extent as to cause tissue injury.

Benign – Not recurrent or progressive.

Bile – A fluid that is stored in the gallbladder for release when needed. Bile is necessary for the digestion of fats – it dissolves fat into small globules (similar to the way that detergent lifts oil off greasy plates). Bile also assists in the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (i.e., vitamins A, D, E, and K) and converts beta-carotene to vitamin A.

Bilirubin – A product of red blood cells.

Biopsy – The removal of a small piece of living tissue for examination under a microscope. Usually performed to establish a diagnosis.

Chemotherapy – Chemical agents that have a specific and toxic effect upon the disease-causing microorganism.

Cholesterol – A soft, waxy substance found in all parts of the body. It is made in the liver and is also found in animal and dairy products.

Chronic illness – An illness that lasts longer than six months.

Cirrhosis – Extensive scarring of the liver.

Decompensated cirrhosis – A condition in which the liver becomes so scarred that blood can no longer flow through it.

Encephalopathy – Disease of the brain. Symptoms include confusion, disorientation, and insomnia, and can progress to coma.

Endemic – A disease that occurs continuously in a particular population.

Epidemiology – Investigation of the causes of, and ways to control, diseases.

Esophagus – The tube that carries food from the mouth to the stomach.

Fibrous – Composed of or containing fibers.

Fulminant – Sudden onset, most severe.

Gastroenterologist – A doctor that specializes in the function and disorders of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, intestines, and liver.

Glucose – A sugar formed during digestion.

Glycogen – A substance found in the liver and muscles that is easily converted to glucose for energy.

Hemodialysis – The process of filtering the accumulated waste products from the blood of a person whose kidneys are not functioning properly, using a kidney machine.

Hepatitis – Inflammation of the liver. It may be caused by a variety of agents, including viral infections, bacterial invasion, and physical or chemical agents. Symptoms include fever, jaundice, and, usually, an enlarged liver.

Hepatitis A – Formerly called infectious hepatitis, hepatitis A is caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). It is an acute infection and does not progress to chronic hepatitis or cirrhosis. Most patients recover completely within six to ten weeks. Hepatitis A is spread mainly via feces and contaminated food and water. A vaccine against the hepatitis A virus is available.

Hepatitis B – Formerly called serum hepatitis, it is caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). About 10% of cases progress to chronic infection. It is transmitted through sexual contact with an infected individual, injection drug use, and other exposure to infected body fluids. A vaccine against the hepatitis B virus is available.

Hepatitis C – A form of hepatitis that was previously known as non-A, non-B hepatitis and is caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The Centers for Disease Control estimates 26,000 new cases each year, a marked decline in new infections since the virus was identified in 1988. There is no vaccine against hepatitis C virus.

Hepatitis D – Also called delta hepatitis, hepatitis D is caused by the hepatitis D virus (HDV). A person cannot be infected with HDV without current or simultaneous infection with hepatitis B virus. Hepatitis D infection is rare in the U.S. and occurs primarily in recipients of multiple blood transfusions, including patients with hemophilia or undergoing renal dialysis, and among those who share contaminated needles.

Hepatitis E – Also referred to as enterically transmitted non-A, non-B hepatitis, hepatitis E is caused by a waterborne virus (HEV). It is rare in the U.S. and occurs primarily in developing countries. Hepatitis E infection results in an acute infection much like hepatitis A. It does not cause chronic infection. It is spread by fecal contamination in water.

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) – Liver cancer.

Hepatocytes – Liver cells.

Hepatologist – A doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of liver disease.

Immunoglobulin – One of a family of closely related though not identical proteins capable of acting as antibodies.

Immunology – The branch of medicine that focuses on the immune system, immunity, and allergy.

Jaundice – Yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes.

Laparoscopic biopsy – A medical procedure performed when a tube (laparoscope) is inserted through an incision in the abdomen and a piece of tissue is removed.

Lipid – Component of fat.

Lipoproteins – A complex of lipids and proteins that carries lipids around the body.

Liver – The largest glandular organ in the body. It has many functions that include, but are not limited to the production of protein and cholesterol, the production of bile, the storage of sugar in the form of glycogen, and the breakdown of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. The liver also breaks down and excretes many medications.

Malaise – Discomfort, uneasiness often indicates infection.

Nucleoside analogues – A class of HIV medications.

Pancreas – A long, irregularly shaped gland lying behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and produces insulin.

Pathologist – A specialist in diagnosing the abnormal changes in tissues removed at operations and postmortem examinations.

Perinatal – Concerning the period beginning after the 28th week of pregnancy through 28 days following birth.

Perinatal Transmission – Transmission of an infectious disease from mother to infant. It can happen in the uterus, or during or after birth.

Peripheral edema – Fluid build up in the feet and ankles.

Phospholipid – A phosphorus-containing lipid found in cell membranes.

Polymerase inhibitors – A compound that stops an essential enzyme needed for viral replication.

Portal hypertension – High pressure in the liver, intestines, and spleen.

Prophylaxis – A type of treatment to prevent disease or stop it from spreading.

Protease inhibitor – A compound that breaks down proteins, inhibiting the replication of viruses such as HIV.

Prothrombin time (PT) – A measure of blood clotting.

Serologic testing – Blood test.

Transvenous biopsy – A procedure during which a tube is inserted into a vein in the neck, then a needle is put into the catheter to remove tissue samples.

Ultrasound – A test that uses a wand, which is placed on a body part such as the abdomen and moved back and forth to examine the shape, size, and appearance of the liver.

Variceal bleeding – Bleeding from blood vessels in the esophagus. This may occur in patients with cirrhosis.

ISDH Quick Fact Sheet on Hepatitis A

About...Hepatitis A

What is hepatitis A?

Hepatitis (hep-ah-TY-tiss) A is a vaccine-preventable inflammation of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus, which is found in the stool of an infected person. Hepatitis A virus is not found in animals. Hepatitis A rarely causes long-term liver damage or death.

What are the symptoms of hepatitis A?

Symptoms usually begin 28-30 days (range of 15-50 days) after exposure and usually last less than two months. People are most contagious from about two weeks before symptoms begin until two weeks after. Some people, especially children, may have no symptoms, but can still spread the virus to others. Symptoms include:

- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Tiredness
- Stomach pain
- Fever
- Dark urine
- Pale, clay-colored stool
- Loss of appetite
- Yellowing of skin and eyeballs (jaundice)

How is hepatitis A spread?

Hepatitis A virus is passed in the stool and people become infected by having contact with the stool of an infected person (fecal-oral route). For this reason, the virus is more easily spread in areas where there are poor sanitary conditions or where good personal hygiene is not common. Casual contact, as in the usual workplace or school setting, does not spread the virus.

Who is at risk for getting hepatitis A?

Anyone can become ill, but young children, senior adults, pregnant women, and immune suppressed individuals (such as patients on cancer drugs and with organ transplants) are at high risk for illness. Persons are at risk for hepatitis A infection if they:

- Drink or swallow untreated water.
- Eat food prepared by an infected person.
- Eating raw produce or raw shellfish (e.g., oysters).
- Traveling to countries where hepatitis A is common and where there is little clean water or proper sewage disposal.
- Exposure to the stool or blood of an infected person.

How do I know if I have hepatitis A?

A person having diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours or have jaundice should consult a health care provider immediately. The health care provider may collect a blood sample to test for hepatitis A.

How is hepatitis A treated?

There is no treatment for hepatitis A other than treating symptoms. People who have had hepatitis A develop lifelong immunity and cannot get hepatitis A again.

How is hepatitis A prevented?

In general, hepatitis A can be prevented by strictly adhering to the following guidelines:

- Get vaccinated for hepatitis A
- Wash hands with soap and water after using the restroom; after swimming; and before, during, and after food preparation.
- Wash all produce before eating raw or cooking.
- Use treated water for washing, cooking, and drinking.
- Do not change diapers near recreational water.
- When traveling outside the United States, drink bottled drinks, do not eat uncooked produce unless you peel them yourself, do not eat foods or drinks from street vendors, and do not drink or eat local water or ice.

All information presented is intended for public use. For more information, please refer to: <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/A/index.htm>.

Food and Drug Administration, Food Facts for Consumers: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/ucm077286.htm>

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ISDH Quick Fact Sheet on Hepatitis B

About...Hepatitis B

What is hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a serious disease of the liver that can be passed on to other people through certain activities. It is caused by an infection of the hepatitis virus. The disease can range from no signs of illness to a severe chronic infection. Most people will get better and have few problems; but in some people with chronic infections, hepatitis B can lead to severe illness, liver cancer, liver failure, and sometimes death.

How do I know if I have hepatitis B?

Talk to your doctor. Hepatitis B is known as a “silent infection” because you may have very mild or no symptoms. Since many people with hepatitis B do not have symptoms, doctors diagnose the disease by one or more blood tests. People who have hepatitis B will have to continue to have blood tests through their lifetime to determine if the disease is still present in their body.

Symptoms appear six weeks to six months after a person comes in contact with the virus. Symptoms may include:

- Yellowing of the eyes or skin (jaundice)
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fever
- Pale (clay-colored) stool
- Abdominal pain
- Joint pain
- Being very tired
- Dark-colored urine

How is hepatitis B spread?

Hepatitis B virus is spread when blood, semen, or other body fluid that is infected with the hepatitis B virus enters the body of a person who is not infected. Even though many people do not know they are infected, they can still spread the virus to others. Examples of ways that people can be infected include:

- Having sex with an infected partner and not using a condom
- Sharing needles, syringes, or other drug-injection equipment
- Sharing items such as razors, toothbrushes or nail clippers with an infected person
- Traveling to or being born in a country with moderate to high rates of Hepatitis B (Southeast Asia, Africa, the Amazon Basin in South America,
- Being born to a mother who has hepatitis B
- Getting a tattoo or piercing with equipment that isn't sterile
- Coming in contact with the blood or open sores of an infected person

the Pacific Islands, Eastern Europe,
or the Middle East)

Hepatitis B is not spread through food or water, sharing eating utensils, breastfeeding, hugging, kissing, coughing or sneezing.

How is hepatitis B treated?

There are medications available to treat hepatitis B. In most people, the infection will leave the body by itself. People with chronic hepatitis B should see their doctor to find out if the disease is getting worse and if medications and treatment are needed.

How is hepatitis B prevented?

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is to get the hepatitis B vaccine and avoid the activities that spread the disease. The hepatitis B vaccine is safe and effective and is usually given as 3-4 shots over a 6-month period.

Other things to think about:

- Get tested for hepatitis B if you are pregnant and talk with your doctor about the needed shots for your baby after it's born
- If you are infected with hepatitis B, do not donate blood, organs, semen, or tissue
- Inform your sex or needle sharing partners that you are infected with hepatitis B and that they should be tested
- Everyone living with you should receive the hepatitis B vaccination

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ISDH Quick Fact Sheet on Hepatitis C

About...Hepatitis C

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is an infectious liver disease caused by the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), which can be either acute or chronic. An acute infection means the illness is short-term and occurs in the first 6 months after being exposed to the virus. A chronic infection means the illness is long-term and occurs when the virus remains in a person's body. Chronic infections may progress over years, even decades, and can lead to liver scarring (cirrhosis), liver cancer, and liver failure.

Hepatitis C is the most common blood-borne disease in the United States and the leading cause for a liver transplant. An estimated 4.1 million people in America have the disease. Each year, about 17,000 Americans become infected with HCV. In Indiana, acute hepatitis C is a reportable disease, and needs to be reported within five (5) business days of diagnosis.

What are the symptoms of Hepatitis C?

Symptoms may include:

- Jaundice (yellowing of skin or eyes)
- Dark urine
- Stomach pain
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fever
- Tiredness
- Headache

Symptoms usually appear from 2 weeks to 6 months after being exposed. About 80% of people show no symptoms. It is important to keep in mind that even without symptoms, people can still infect others. About 85 percent of people who become infected with Hepatitis C will become chronic carriers.

How is Hepatitis C spread?

Hepatitis C is spread mainly by direct contact with infected human blood. It is not spread by touching or sharing eating and drinking utensils. You may have been exposed to Hepatitis C if:

- You have ever shared equipment to inject street drugs or other drugs. These items include syringes, cookers and cotton, which may have been contaminated with blood.
- You received blood, blood products, or solid organ transplants before 1992.
- You ever received long-term kidney dialysis.
- You were ever a health care worker who had frequent contact with blood or had a needle stick injury.

- Your mother had Hepatitis C at the time she gave birth to you.
- You ever shared personal items, like a razor or toothbrush, with a person who had Hepatitis C.
- You ever had unprotected sex with a person who had Hepatitis C.
- You ever received a tattoo from a person that may have used dirty needles or had poor sanitary practices.

Who is at risk for Hepatitis C?

- Injection drug users
- Healthcare workers
- People who have multiple sex partners
- Homeless people (risk of drug use, poor hygiene, poor nutrition, and unsafe living conditions)
- Military veterans who served in the Vietnam War era and those who have participated in high risk behaviors such as drug use and unsafe tattooing

How do I know if I have Hepatitis C?

Blood tests can detect whether you have Hepatitis C. Also, your health care provider may suggest that you be tested for Hepatitis C based on your symptoms (if any) and any risk factors you may have.

How can Hepatitis C be treated?

The most common treatment for Hepatitis C is a combination therapy of ribavirin and interferon. In recent years, there has been great progress in the number and types of treatment options available. Your health care provider will decide which treatment options are best for you. Between 15 – 25% of people who get Hepatitis will clear the virus from their bodies without treatment and not develop chronic infection. It is not fully understood why this happens for some people.

There is currently no vaccine for Hepatitis C. However, if you have Hepatitis C, you should be vaccinated against Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B to prevent those infections.

There are many ways you can be exposed to the Hepatitis C virus. Some ways to avoid transmission are:

- Don't share needles or syringes
- Don't share a toothbrush or razors
- Practice safe sex and use a condom
- Use licensed tattoo and piercing studios

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<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/index.htm>

<http://www.hcvadvocate.org/>

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